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Quote of the Quarter

We learn wisdom from failure much more than from success; we often discover what we will do by finding out what we will not do; and probably he who never made a mistake, never made a discovery.



3rd ANNUAL DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY CONFERENCE FOR PROCUREMENT AND QUALITY PROFESSIONALS



The third annual **Navy Conference for Procurement and Quality Professionals** will be held 24 –26 Oct 2000 at the Sheraton Suites in Alexandria, VA. The hotel is located in Old Town and is conveniently located near the Ronald Reagan (National) Airport, with easy access to Washington, DC. Specific details for the conference will be posted on our web site at a later date.

CPARS UPDATE

The DoN Contractor Performance Assessment Reporting System (CPARS) issued a new release on 16 March 2000. Enhancements include:

Reviewing Official step will now be conditional/optional. If the Program Manager/Assessing Official and the contractor agree on ratings, the Program Manager may now close the CPAR based on this agreement.

Electronic e-mail notification has been implemented. E-mails are automatically generated at the Program Manager Representative, Program Manager, Defense Contractor, and Reviewing Official levels when their required actions are complete. When each CPAR is completed, an e-mail notification is also sent to the Focal Point.

A “To Do” list has been added at the Program Manager Representative, Program Manager, Defense Contractor, and Reviewing Official level. When an individual logs on to the system, he or she can simply check their “To Do” list to see actions that are required.

Defense Contractor Senior Management access level has been added. This will allow corporate-level managers to view all CPARS that pertain to their corporate entity. The selection filter is based on CAGE code and contractors will only be able to view CPARS for CAGE codes assigned to their corporate entities.

The Status Report List of Contracts has been modified to include the Focal Point for each CPAR.

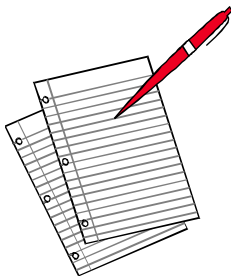
The “Save Data and Finish Later” (partial save feature) has been improved to allow saving at almost any point after the contract number and Period of Performance information has been added.

Application screens have been redesigned to make the application more intuitive. Menus and buttons have better descriptions for the actions they perform.

Color ratings assigned to Systems and Ship Repair and Overhaul CPARS have been changed from “Blue” to “Dark Blue” and “Gold” to “Purple” to be consistent with the Common DOD Assessment Rating System.

Program Manager Representatives may now “View CPARS” and access the CPAR Status Reports.

A 20 March 2000 memorandum issued by ASN RDA implements the revised CPARS Guide for the Department of Navy. The revised Guide was completed by a DoN CPARS Management board that was chaired by NAVSEALOGCENDET Portsmouth. Changes include:



- Use of the web enabled application at www.cpars.navy.mil will be made mandatory.
- It will be mandatory to register eligible contracts in the CPARS automated system within 30 days of contract award.

NAVSEALOGCEN is the initiative manager for CPARS and maintains the automated application for the Department of Navy. A survey of program managers and source selection officials indicates that the CPAR process has resulted in improved communication with and performance of contractors, and successful retrieval of report cards for source selection. Over 2400 CPARS have been completed (1800+ complete) or are in the process of utilizing the automated system. This represents over \$140 billion in contracting actions. Retrieval use continues to grow, including outside the Department of the Navy. Over 300 source selection officials from the DoN, Army, Air Force and other government agencies have accessed the system over 1400 times to retrieve completed CPARS.

INSTALLATION PROCEDURES FOR PDREP & CPARS CBT version. 2.0



New installation procedures for the Product Data Reporting and Evaluation Program (PDREP) can be found at our web site. Our address is www.nslcptsmh.navsea.navy.mil/pdrepdlf.htm.

The instructions for installing the CPARS Computer Based Training (CBT) version. 2.0 can be found at www.nslcptsmh.navsea.navy.mil/cpcbtdlf.htm.

GOOD NEWS FOR BUYERS

The Red Yellow Green (RYG) program helps contracting officers to determine the best values for the Navy. It is currently being programmed for use on the world wide-web. Buyers will soon be able to go to the NAVSEALOGCENDET Portsmouth web page to access this valuable program, hassle free. We are looking for this to be completed sometime late summer/early fall.

RED YELLOW GREEN CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

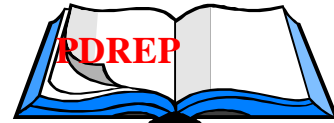


When the RYG Continuous Improvement Council met in October of 1999, at the Navy Conference for Procurement and Quality Professionals in Merrimack, NH, a decision was made to change RYG classification criteria. The Council agreed to, and determined that, it would be a more fair and consistent approach to classify contractor past performance utilizing three years of data. The use of three years of quality, and delivery data in the classification process not only provides procurement officials with additional valid classifications, but also aligns the process with the FAR and other Navy Past Performance Systems.

The approved changes to the RYG classification process will be implemented in March, with the classifications becoming official in April. We expect that the additional number of classifications generated as the result of this change will initially cause some concerns with both activities and contractors, however the modified criteria will provide long-term benefits to the RYG Program.

PDREP MANUAL NAVSO P-3683A

On 9 February 2000 Rear Admiral Jenkins approved Rev A to the PDREP manual, NAVSO P-3683. This revision reflects many incremental changes to the program as updates, improvements and enhancements are implemented.



Specifically, in Chapter 1, words have been added to give visibility to the Contractor Evaluation Program (CES). The previous CES processing guide has been cancelled although the records and reports referenced in the guide are now incorporated within the NAVSO manual. Reference to Reports of Discrepancy (RODs) and the ROD program have been eliminated as PDREP does not currently process or store these records. A paragraph has been added explaining the PDREP record retention policy. This policy is in compliance with SECNAV instructions and satisfies the record retention requirements of PDREP customers.

In Chapter 2 the distribution procedure for PQDRs has been clarified. Also, a PQDR Standard Form 368 has been added for exhibit purposes.

Chapter 3 has been completely reorganized and now incorporates the enhancements of PDREP version 3.5. The lengthy data field definitions have been reformatted and condensed. Inspection attribute descriptions have been added to supplement the assigned codes. There has been no change to Chapter 4.

Finally, a new Chapter 5 has been added to the manual to include the Red Yellow Green (RYG) Program. This new chapter provides both a program description and the details of the RYG application.

NAVY MARINE CORPS INTRANET



The Navy plans to award a five-year contract in June 2000 for the installation, operation and maintenance of a department wide communications network, known as the Navy Marine Corps Intranet (NMCI) which is expected to cover 450,000 workstations. The Navy plans to develop, acquire and deploy the new network by the end of 2001. It will serve approximately 700,000 Navy and Marine Corps users at over 300 on-shore garrisons and deployed units at an estimated cost of \$2 billion a year. The contract is expected to be fixed priced over a 5 year period and is expected to save money while tying all Navy and Marine Corps computers to achieve unprecedented interoperability and warfare capabilities. Heavyweight industry partnerships that have decided to bid on NMCI include Computer Sciences Corp, IBM Corp, Electronic Data Systems Corp (EDS) and General Dynamics, Inc.

NAVSEALOGCENDET PORTSMOUTH 2000 TRAINING SCHEDULE

PDREP TRAINING

14-15 Mar	Mechanicsburg, PA
06-08 Jun	Portsmouth, NH
24-26 Oct	Arlington, VA (Navy Conference)

CPARS TRAINING

01 Feb	Fort Detrick, MD
02 Feb	Ballistic Defense Missile (BDMO)
08 Feb	NAVSEA (Crystal City)
01 Mar	NAVFAC Jacksonville
07 Mar	NAVSUP Washington Navy Yard
11 Mar	Mantech, Arlington, VA
15-16 Mar	FISC Puget Sound Washington
28 Mar	NAVSHIPYD Washington (NAVFAC Pax River)
19-20 Apr	FISC Jacksonville
16-May	NAVSEA (Crystal City)
23-24 May	Bremerton, WA
07 Jun	Patuxent River, MD
12 Jul	NAVSEA (Crystal City)
TBD	USMC Quantico, VA
TBD	South Div, Charleston, SC (only Focal Pt. Training)

CPARS TRADE SHOWS

09 Mar	NAVMED Bethesda, MD
29 Mar	Pentagon, Washington, DC
30 Mar	Pentagon, Washington, DC

18-20 Apr	FOSE, Washington DC
19 Apr	Aerospace, Washington, DC
24 Apr	Monterey, CA
16-19 May	USMC Conference
10-13 Jun	Washington, DC

RYG TRAINING

15-16 Mar	FISC Puget Sound Washington
19-20 Apr	FISC Jacksonville

TRIVIA CORNER

Last Issue's Trivia Question

**What was the first U.S. consumer product
sold in the Soviet Union?**

Answer: Coca Cola

This Issue's Trivia Question:

What team won the first Super Bowl?

(Answer in next issue)